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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN TRACTOR PURCHASES

1. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BIRO TOLD ME EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN RABA MACHINE WORKS AND STEIGER FOR JOINT PRODUCTION OF HEAVY TRACTORS HAD BROKEN DOWN. SAID HE THOUGHT STEIGER HAD LOST INTEREST AND HAD CHANGED CONDITIONS LATE IN NEGOTIATIONS. BIRO SAID GOH NOW PLANNING TO TURN TO USSR FOR HEAVY TRACTORS (180 HP).

2. AS HEAVY TRACTOR SALES ARE ONE OF OUR LARGEST SALES ITEMS IN HUNGARY, IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE FOR COMMERCE TO PASS THIS ON TO STEIGER IN CASE THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN JOINT PRODUCTION. IF THEY ARE NOT POSSIBLY SOME OTHER COMPANY WOULD BE, THOUGH BIRO DID NOT THINK SO. ONCE HUNGARY SHIFTS TO SOV TRACTORS IT WILL BE HARD TO GET THE BUSINESS BACK, AS GOH IS IN TRADE SURPLUS WITH USSR AND DEFICIT WITH US.  
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